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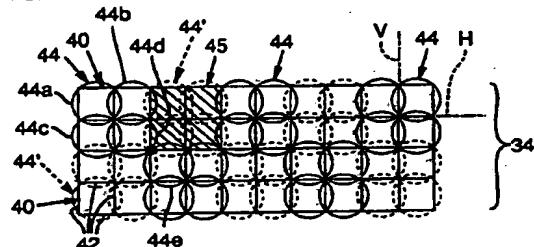
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(54) Ink drop placement for improved imaging.

(57) Ink-jet images are improved by printing groups (45) of adjacent pixels (40) with clusters (44) of overlapping ink drops (44a-d) for resisting random ink drop coalescence that would lead to a mottled image.

FIG. 2



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